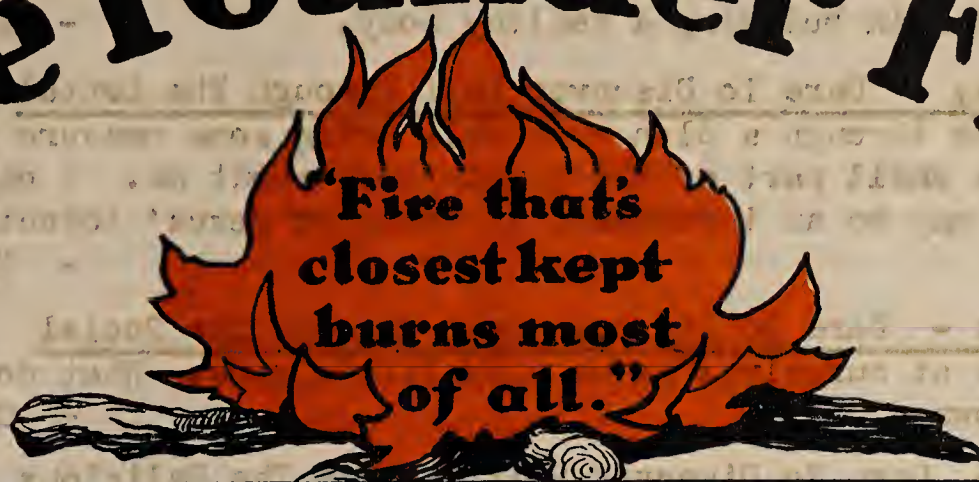


The Founder Fire



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THOUGHTS FOR THE QUIET PERIOD

At Miniwanca and Merrowvista the meditation outlines for the fifteen minute quiet period were prepared by specially appointed committees of Camp leaders. The Miniwanca outlines were mimeographed, making it possible to share with Founder Fire readers some brief excerpts from these devotional suggestions.

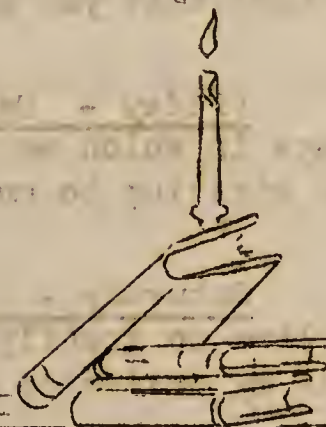
THE GENERAL THEME

DARE GREATLY - "THE UTMOST FOR THE HIGHEST"

Camp is a conditioning experience. Here we equip ourselves for a constructive facing of life situations. And so, the Quiet Period.

Who knows but that you may find in these moments of reflection the very thing you most earnestly seek in life. For your guidance, and only by way of suggestion, you are offered each day a thought to stimulate your thinking. The suggestions on the following page are given, not as advice, but rather in the spirit of sharing, and in the hope that they may stimulate you to more purposeful thinking and planning.

- WADJEPI



Tuesday - Dare To Discover Self Through The Physical

A noble purpose, supported by the belief that your body is the temple of God, stands first in importance in building a healthy body. - LUCILE WHAN

Wednesday - Dare To Discover Self Through The Mental

I can try to think through a plan that will bring some measure of comfort and peace to relieve even a small part of the unhappiness about me. I can consider some means by which I may be an instrument in bringing Jesus' teachings into the lives of others. - MIRIAM WAITE

Thursday - Dare To Discover Self Through The Social

Today let us look at ourselves as we play life's game. What does your personality say to your fellowmen? - CATHARINE KELLEY

Friday - Dare To Discover Self Through The Religious

There is calmness and renewal and healing for the soul's hurts in the sanctuary of quietude. If we are to have rich and fertile souls we must learn, amid the hurry of modern life, the uses of silence. - DOROTHY SCHAEFER

Saturday - Dare To Discover Others

It takes all kinds to make a world. We might better stop to take from each his contribution to our personalities, giving in return fully of ourselves. - CARROLL HUFFSTOT

Sunday - Dare To Discover Jesus

How long have you been hearing about God, without really getting close to him? - SHIRLEE MCGUIRE

Monday - Dare To Live The Jesus Way In Your Home

O God, help me to make my home a happier home, a more purposeful home, a more Christian home, because I am living fourfoldly. - HOWARD JONES

Tuesday - Dare To Live The Jesus Way In Your Church

The more you release yourself and sacrifice yourself to a great cause, the happier and more like Christ will you become. There is no greater cause in the name of Christ than your church. - JAMES BELL

Wednesday - Dare To Live The Jesus Way In Your School

On the college campus with so many temptations popping up before us, we have a golden opportunity to show others how to live as Christians by setting the example ourselves. - KENNETH SCHAEFER

Thursday - Dare To Live The Jesus Way In The Work-A-Day World

What is within you must be given to our work-a-day world. You must live so dangerously high that you will be constantly thrilled by the result of your achievement. - WILLIAM ACOSTA

Friday - Dare To Live The Jesus Way In Your Leisure Time

The ways in which we spend our leisure time are sure indications of whether or not we are striving to measure up to what we believe to be the best. - MARIAN PALMER

Saturday - Dare To Live The Jesus Way In The Life Of Your Nation

May I live so greatly in the life of my nation that there will be no hidden discrepancy in my desire to give myself "For God and Country". - W. BARNETT BLAKEMORE

Sunday - Dare To Carry On

What patience and courage it requires to be steadfast in our endeavor to live better. - MARIE E. SHAVER

MINISINO'S COLUMN

This is one time when the Editor is going to deny our Foundation President the privilege of addressing his Founder friends through the columns of the Founder Fire. And there's a good reason for this action, as you shall see.

The other day I called on Mr. Danforth at his office to talk over some matters pertaining to our Foundation work. As I entered the hugh offices of the Ralston Purina Company I noticed everywhere placards, streamers, and decorations with the numerals "45" as the chief motif of the displays. It did not take long to find out that something of unusual interest was afoot, and upon inquiry I discovered that Mr. Danforth's organization throughout the entire continent was staging a big birthday celebration in honor of Minisino's forty-five years of service and leadership in the organization which he himself had founded.

The celebration is to culminate at Christmas-time when, following a long standing custom, a big Christmas party will be held in the St. Louis Mill, and at this party Minisino will be awarded a "9-checker" button - five years for each checker - forty-five years of service and leadership.

Knowing Minisino as they do, the committee in charge of the "45" event decided to make "growth" the theme of the celebration. So they are calling upon every employee of the big Ralston Purina organization to pledge himself to follow a Personal Growth Program for September, October and November. To put it in the words of the Committee, "We can think of no better way to express this tribute than in the personal growth of those associated with Mr. Danforth." Consequently, when he is presented with his "9-checker" button at Christmas, he will also be presented with the Personal Growth Pledge of every person who joins the celebration.

Right then and there I had a big "hunch". Why not follow through on Minisino's personal Hillside challenges of this past summer to "Stand Tall - Think Tall - Smile Tall - and Live Tall" by giving his Founder friends a chance to sign up for a "Personal Growth" drive of their own?

Let's make this a real party. Fill out the attached blank and mail at once to the Committee Chairman. I understand an attractive souvenir and booklet will be sent to all who sign up for Personal Growth, and I am confident that Founder "Growers" will get theirs too, if they will act promptly.

So there's the story. I wish we could make it a surprise party. The surprise element, however, can still be there in the large number of Founder friends who will honor Minisino at Christmas-time through their determination to really grow this fall in "wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man."

- Wadjepi.

Mr. A. F. Seay, Gen. Chairman Growth Tribute Committee
Checkerboard Square, St. Louis, Missouri

I want to take part in the 45th Anniversary Personal Growth Tribute to Mr. Danforth. Therefore, during October, November and December, count on me for the following Growth Program -

"I am growing in my spiritual life by taking an active interest in Y. H. C. A. and Epworth League."

Please send me the Wm. H. Danforth 45th Anniversary pocket piece with my name on it.

NAME Ruth Ann Sheldon

STREET ADDRESS 1411 No. 37th

CITY AND STATE Lincoln, Nebraska

CAMP ATTENDED Miniwanna - 1938

REUNION HIGHLIGHTS

By Lottie May Bose Porter

What a summer of reunions it happened to be for me! The 25th Anniversary High-School Class Reunion, the 25th Anniversary College Glee Club Reunion, the 25th Anniversary Camp Reunion. What to do? I could not resist. I chose Miniwanca and the Camp Reunion. Now, with the Reunion a thing of the past, I agree with myself that the choice was perfect!

Three of us "Old-Timers" (Geneva 1914-16) drove from St. Louis, reaching camp just in time for Assembly on Friday morning. We found a number of Reunioners there who had been tent-leaders and faculty-members during the Older Girls' Camp. We less fortunate, however, were grateful for the big week-end celebration. All day - in fact, all during the week-end - other Reunioners were arriving, adding fresh satisfactions to that constant state of expectancy we felt, and much excitement and merriment to the constant flood of greetings and conversation.

Wadjepi and his Camp Administration welcomed us warmly and treated us royally. We settled ourselves in tents in the Younger Boys' Camp on Stony Lake. We had our "board and lodging" there separate from the Older Girls' Camp, which was an overflowing camp of more than 300. We thoroughly enjoyed those meals where we could discuss to our hearts' content "the old days", our children, our ideas on camps, education, and life in general!

Most of the time, however, was spent catching fascinating glimpses into the camp-life of to-day. We visited classes taught as thrillingly as of old by Kodaya, Dr. Lowe and others. We watched tribal games and the famous Camper-Leader Baseball Game in the hollow in front of the Tipi. We took morning dips, went for swims, played tennis, volleyball, shuffleboard and table-tennis at will. We went sailing on Stony Lake in the beautiful little cat-boats, many of us getting our first lesson in handling a sailboat. We worshipped with the girls in Hillside on Vesper Dune, and felt again the inspiration of those many Hillside in our youth. We witnessed the state stunts and the beautiful Candle-Light Ceremony when we descended into the newly completed Council Circle for Grand Council on Saturday night.

On Sunday we watched a large class receive their diplomas from Minisino, signifying their worthy completion of a four-year course. The Commencement Service was impressive with its academic procession, beautiful music and Commencement Sermon. We listened to the words of appreciation spoken at their last Council Circle by the campers as they turned their faces homeward for service in the world to which they were returning.

A few things were planned especially for the Reunioners. The informal "Fireside Chat" on Friday night was jolly, when we sat before a big fire in the Tipi, made ourselves acquainted with all the other Reunioners, reminisced and ate pop-corn in the old camp fashion. Needless to say, the old-time songs - "Blue Ridge Mountains", "Julia", etc., showed up! On Saturday a "guided pilgrimage" over the magnificent camp property gave to us who were not familiar with Miniwanca the thrill of realizing what superb equipment has been built through the years. (You must see it to really appreciate it.)

Saturday night the Reunion Banquet seated 500 or more campers and Reunioners. It was in truth a banquet of delicious food and rich fellowship for all of us.

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Reunion Highlights - (continued)

Nearly every class answered roll-call with one or more present. Mrs. Alexander led us in "Classics in Song". Mother Bryner and Miss Palk started the clever series, "Do You Remember -?". Minisino challenged us to think and live into the future with him. We applauded and laughed over the camp story in pictures, "As Others Saw Us". Florence Wagner, who returned bringing her harp, gave us a feast of heavenly music. Then, as though the day were not yet complete, while the campers quite properly retired, we Oldsters made for the Sand-Pit where we held forth 'til scandalous hours relished the amazing Smorgasbord and were regaled with grand-opera a la Wadjepi-Kodaya!

Perhaps the high point for all the Reunioners was the Special Reunion Communion Service in the Shrine early Sunday morning. The rich treasures from the past, the vital experiences of the present, and the living hopes and faiths in the future all met in this simple and beautiful ritual, and symbolized anew to us the true significance of the Founder Fellowship.

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THE MINIWANCA YOUNGER GIRLS' CAMP

this summer found itself chock-full of campers, with an enrollment of 178 younger girls, together with 42 leaders. In fact, it was even necessary to refuse a number of last minute applications. Under the Directorship of "Horace", (Marie E. Shaver), some fine things were accomplished this year, including many kinds of handicraft and a new Totem-pole constructed by the Outdoors' Craft group.

The outstanding presentation in the line of dramatics was a pageant given on the Saturday night before the close of camp entitled "Miniwanca's Birthday". Written and directed by Mrs. James A. Kerr, and presented by the entire camp, it's fine acting and colorful costumes made it a memorable success. Next summer the camp is to be limited to 150 girls, and reservations should therefore be sent in early.

"IT WAS THE BEST YET"

was the verdict of many Miniwanca Younger Boy campers and leaders. There were 107 boys from sixteen states in attendance, with Howard Jones (Min.'30 & '31) as Camp Director and Barney Blakemore ('37 Grad) as Co-Director. Associated with these directors were Paul McGinnis, in charge of Pre-Seniors (15-17), Bill Acosta, in charge of Doers (13-14), and Jim Bell, who headed the Darers (11-12).

Departmental leaders were as follows: Aquatics, J. Paul McGinnis; Athletics, George McGuire; Boatcraft, Jim Orwig; Business, Joe Verlie; Fine Arts, Barney Blakemore; Handicraft, Ken Schaefer; Ideals, Jim Bell; Service Projects, Roger Ganfield; Outdoors' Craft, Jim Orwig; Interest Groups, Mark Alspach.

A staff of twenty-seven outstanding Founder fellows manned the tent-groups, departments, interest and project groups and general administrative work of the camp. It might be said that the Younger Boys' Camp is a project of the Senior Leadership Camp, in view of the fact that almost to the man the leadership is drawn from the ranks of Older Boy Campers.

Advance registrations are already coming in for the 1939 camp. Age limits of campers are eleven to seventeen. Any old camper or leader may recommend boys for "YB". Send in your recommendations early, in order that prospects may receive printed matter and monthly informational releases. Write for more detailed information on the Founder Younger Boys' and Younger Girls' Camps.

YOUNGER BOYS' & GIRLS' LIBRARY

Please don't neglect this. We are developing a reading library for the Younger Boys' and Younger Girls' Camps. It is a dead certainty that practically all of you "grown-up" campers and leaders have books on your shelves, collecting heaps of dust, which you have not read since you were twelve or thirteen years old.

This is a plea to have you pack up these books and ship them to Miniwanca or Merrowvista. Will you do it? Just address the package direct to either camp - Shelby or Center Ossipee - and have our sincere thanks for your contribution to the Junior Camp Library.

"BELIEVE ME, I'M GOING TO HAVE MY KID BROTHER UP HERE NEXT SUMMER"

stated one of the older fellows at Miniwanca as the bus pulled away from Stony Lake at the close of camp. Continuing, he said, "After what these two weeks have done to me and for me, believe me, that young brother of mine just must come up here next summer, and I'm going to see to it that he does!"

Good! Let's have more of this brotherly and sisterly love business, when it comes to picking the younger girl and boy campers for 1939. Do you have a brother or sister or cousin or neighbor, eleven to seventeen years of age, for whom you should like to reserve a place? Better do it now - the Junior Camps at Miniwanca were filled last summer, and we are cutting down on numbers next year. There will be a big scramble for places. Do your promoting now. At least get your friends on the 1939 prospect list. Send names and addresses of parents and prospective campers. But remember, top-notch material only. Write the camp office for full information.

MERROWVISTA TO THE FORE!

The Younger Girls' Camp at Merrowvista made a nice gain this summer, and everybody had a glorious time. Merrowvista Founders, let's get busy right away and begin recruiting for the 1939 Y.G. Camp. Make up a list of prospects and send at once to the Founder Office.

There were larger numbers in all Merrowvista units, with the Senior Camps registering an increase of 30 % in enrollment over last year's total. The stand-by leaders were in action with their usual verve, and Wadjepi was the Great Chief in the opening of both camps, with Lyn Beardslee the pleasing Co-Director in Wadjepi's absence.

Courses of former years, such as "Christian Ethics" and "Achievement Analysis" were restored to the curriculum, and "Life Planning" was particularly featured in each of the four years. The new questionnaire was also most acceptably introduced by the Department of Counseling. For the Reunion, grads rallied from Maine to Delaware, and as far west as Ohio. Truly it was an auspicious summer on the banks of Lost Brook.

- "Dad" Waite.

GROSS ENROLLMENT OF ALL CAMPING UNITS FOR 1938

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CAMPERS</u>	<u>LEADERS</u>
Miniwanca Younger Girls	178	42
" Younger Boys	107	27
" Older Girls	305	60
" Older Boys	286	54
Merrowvista Older Boys	57	8
" Older Girls	86	15
" Younger Girls	16	6
Total Enrollment	1035	212
Gross Enrollment in all units		1247

WHAT NOW?

It was a great summer - one of our best. Many have said, "the best." Never before have we had such a deluge of letters of appreciation. The camp spirit was exceptional in all units; the leaders top-notch. And now comes the aftermath - the test! Was it just a "grand" time, or was it an experience of abiding value? The test is what comes of it all. Will the lessons and standards of Merrowvista and Miniwanca stand the acid test of exposure to low moral standards, careless and indifferent living, cynicism, irreverence and the like?

Best way to get on top of the situation is to take the offensive. Don't wait to be attacked. Jump in and take a good stiff crack at the enemy. It makes you feel like a million dollars to have the "upperhand" in things that really count.

Go to it, Founder - and when we can help you - say the word. The resources of the Founder Office are at your command.

BARNEY BLAKEMORE WRITES FROM DEAR OLD 'LUNNON'

At the close of the Younger Boys' Camp Barney left for England, where he is studying this year on a special traveling scholarship awarded him by the Chicago Theological Seminary. How we wish that all of Barney's recent letter could be shared with Founder Fire readers, but lack of space prohibits this.

Here are a few excerpts -

September 16th. "Dear Wadjepi: It is just seven weeks since I left Miniwanca and those seven have been just as crowded as the seven which I spent in Michigan before them, which is saying something, because we don't exactly lie around up there on the dunes.

"After eleven days on the ocean, we reached Plymouth, and I came right up to London where John Raach met me. Some friends took us on a motor jaunt the first week-end that I was here, and we did South Central England, visiting Southampton, Salisbury, the New Forest, where wild ponies still race over the heath, and old Stonehenge - a wonderful sight just at dusk, with a lone owl flitting about from one silent stone to another.

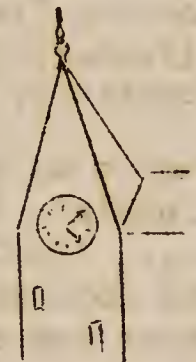
"After that I decided that I just had to see more of England, and so I bought a bike - equipped with gears to make the hills easier, thank Heavens - and started out for South East England. It was a sort of experimental tour, and in my estimation quite a successful one, since I managed to accomplish 100 miles in three days - and was not too stiff afterwards.

"On that trip I visited Canterbury, with its grand cathedral, and Dover, with its chalk cliffs. There is also a marvelous castle there with an old Roman lighthouse still standing. The castle is about 800 years old, and they have just recently discovered that it was built in with a water system. The water came from a well which is still shown. The guard dropped a piece of lighted linen down the three-foot opening, and to our surprise it kept falling for several minutes. He told us that the well, which is so narrow that only one man at a time could work it, goes right down through the chalk cliffs, 430 feet below sea level.

"Tomorrow I am setting out for Birmingham, which I intend to make headquarters for a couple of other jaunts by bike around Central England, before leaving in about three weeks for France.

"Thanks again for having me at Miniwanca this summer. I just feel good all over whenever I think about the place and its people."

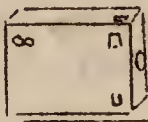
- Barney.



BIG FOUNDER BROADCAST

On Monday, October 24th, at 12:30 to 1:00 o'clock (Eastern Standard Time), over Station WBAL, Baltimore, and 100 stations of the Mutual Broadcasting Company, an American Youth Foundation program will be broadcast by Minisino and a group of Founders - Koo Chung Ling, Mordant Peck, James Gay, Frank McFarland, Helen Balderston and Mary Elizabeth Jenkins. Make note of the time and dial in for the broadcast.

CAMP PHOTOS



Did you get some exceptionally good shots? If so, be sure to send prints to the Founder Office for our official 1938 pictorial record of the camps.

INTRODUCING FOUR NEW FOUNDER CLASSES

The very appropriate name chosen by the First Year Class at Miniwanca Older Girls' Camp this summer is "Mazaska", meaning "silver", for the 25th Anniversary Year. Their officers are: Eleanor Haley, President; Jeanne Thompson, Vice-President; Katy Lou Nadal, Secretary; and Helen Comport, Treasurer. Together with Minnie Maude Macaulay, their Mentor, we are hoping that each member of this fine group will return to Miniwanca, and that they will graduate one hundred and forty strong in 1941!

The Merrowvista Older Girls' Freshman Class of 1938 have chosen the name "Tokata", meaning "to go forward". And with fifty-two members, Pauline Sherman as President, Elizabeth Carter as Vice-President, Eleanor Frick as Treasurer, Marjorie Marlor as Secretary, and Mrs. Eleanor Marker as Mentor, we are sure that they will go forward.

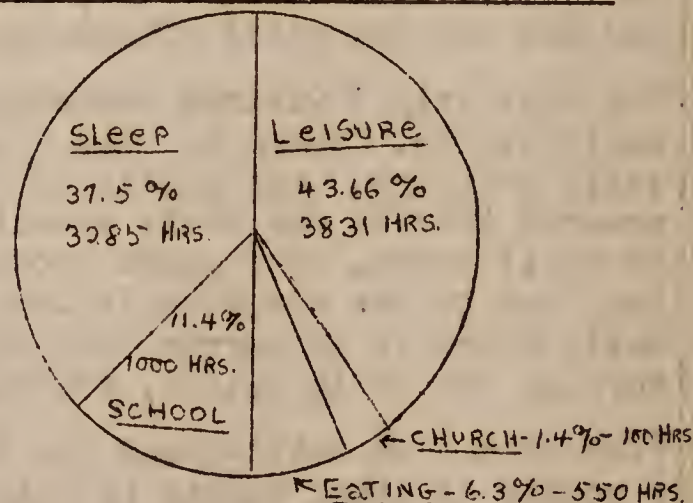
Due to an unusual coincidence, the Older Boys' at Miniwanca also chose the name "Tokata", thus indicating their determination to likewise go forward. Their officers are: Jim Orwig, President; Ben Johnson, Vice-President; Carter Allen, Secretary; and John Stewart, Treasurer. "Sandy" Sanderson is their able Mentor. Hereafter, these two classes are to be known as the "Merrowvista Tokatas" and "Miniwanca Tokatas".

The First Year Class of Merrowvista Older Boys are to be known as the "Gepies". Raymond Swan is their President, Paul Jones Vice-President, Harlow Avery Secretary-Treasurer and Neil Buie Mentor. To correspond with their entering year, 1938, they have exactly thirty-eight members in their ranks.

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HOW AN AMERICAN BOY SPENDS HIS TIME

Whew, Bob Smith! That's a truly remarkable piece of work you've done in compiling your notes from the classes and services at Miniwanca. Your own classification under fifty-six heads, of what was said and taught, is a most gripping study. At the right, Founders general, is a sample!



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CAMP SAVINGS CLUB

starts with November. Word will come to you about the plan. Why not start, at the start, to save a little each month toward next summer's camp fee? This applies to Junior as well as Senior Camps.

WHAT CAMP MEANT TO US!

Several full numbers of the Founder Fire would be required to quote the many fine messages of appreciation that have rolled into the Founder Office since the close of the 1938 Camps. Here are just a few -

"Everything from camp is helping me, Wadjepi. Games, Hillside, the fun at Night's Doings, meeting people, not to mention classes. My life has been changed - I am no longer afraid to face it, and I know where I'm going. The best thing camp ever did for me was to bring me back to the Trail from which I'd strayed. It's a hard one to travel sometimes, but always challenging and ever glorious!"

A Wisconsin Camper.

"I can say this - it made such an impression on me that I am still thinking - and I might say - acting, on it. The Camp, the program, the staff, everything was all so utterly new, yet so terribly convincing that I'm sure it made an enduring impression. I only hope that I can live up to the ideals practiced at Camp Miniwanca."

An Alabama Camper.

"Since I came home I have been asked to help organize a choir and to take a class in Sunday School. I believe I would not have had the confidence to undertake these tasks had I not had training at the American Youth Foundation."

A Connecticut Camper.

"It would be a long letter indeed if I told you how last year's camp experience changed my school year. It changed what might have been an average year into one which for me was astonishingly successful. There are two gold medals, a gold Coe "C" and a \$25.00 prize, all for public speaking attempts. You would be amazed to total up the speech material I had gathered at camp - together with the "I dare you" spirit. Also, I sought to explore some new fields, and had some stimulating and happy hours at school doing things I had not tried before. So no wonder I felt I needed Camp again!"

An Iowa Camper.

"Ever since I left Miniwanca I have been realizing more and more what a splendid experience it was. It crystalized many of my vague ideas and gave substance to my convictions. I want very much to come back next year, and to go on through the whole four years."

An Ohio Camper.

"Until Miniwanca, I had never seen such a splendid spirit of fellowship and friendliness among so many boys. And you can readily understand why there has never been any shirking or lack of cooperation. I found myself doing things that I would have ordinarily never thought of doing. If there is any trace of leadership within a fellow, it will certainly be brought out at that camp. It stirs one into thinking higher thoughts, doing higher things, appreciating the fact that there is a God, and that He can fit into our practical everyday life. I never thought that so many boys as a group could maintain such a reverent and sincere attitude. It does something to you that's hard to explain."

A Missouri Camper.

"The two weeks I spent at the American Youth Foundation camp this summer will always stand out in my memory."

An Illinois Camper.

"I don't think that I can say any one thing did me more good than the rest, but the whole camp program did something to me, and when I look back on my old self I wonder if that was really me."

A South Dakota Camper.

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WHAT CAMP MEANT TO US - (Continued)

"You know, without my telling you, from your own experience here, what it must be to me, who never before had an opportunity to be exposed to such teachings as are found here. I am like a sponge thrown into this beautiful lake. I hope I'll be able to squeeze or drip some of it onto those kids who'll be attending our evening services."

A Washington, D. C., Camper.

CAN A FOUNDER GROUP BE OF SERVICE TO A LOCAL COMMUNITY?

Many times we are asked, "What is the program of the AYF between camps?". The answer is, "The AYF has no local organizational program of its own; it serves youth through existing organizations."

Frequently, groups of Founders pool their efforts to help local youth organizations which need leadership and program suggestions. Letters received from Founder Bill Daum, 1938 Merrowvista graduate, and Al Gremse, graduate of 1932, and for four years a leader in the Merrowvista Older Boys' Camp, tell of an outstanding service project which is being sponsored by the fellows of the North Jersey Founders' Club.

We'll let Bill Daum tell the story in his own words -

"A few months ago the Jersey bunch carried home the state shield for the third consecutive year. A group of campers and prospective campers called the "Baboons" are now in the process of proving that they really deserve that high honor, and the title, "One of the most active Founder groups in the running." The following is a bit of a glimpse at our fall and winter schedule. We are undertaking a project at the present time which is on a much larger scale than any heretofore.

"To give you a clear picture, I'll have to start from the beginning, so here goes. My boss happens to be on the Board of Directors of a nearby YMCA. The membership and general morale of the "Y", it seems, has slumped terribly during the past year or two. Knowledge about camp and its ideals from acquaintances with Al Gremse and other campers led him to ask me to line up our camp bunch and take a stab at forming and administering a successful program for the "Y". I thought it over and suddenly remembered the "Baboons". The phrase "I dare you" came to me next, and I told him that I would do it. Then I enlisted the aid of Al and Jim Moffatt. They assured me that they would work on it. Soon a meeting with the leaders in the "Y" was arranged, and the following evolved: -

1. We diagnosed their case as a lack of effective leadership.
2. We agreed to try to remedy the fault.
3. Starting on September 14, using the AYF training as a mainstay, the "Baboons" are giving a ten-week course on Leadership Techniques.

"Al, Jim and I are to lead the course, with the others backing us up by doing reference work and assisting in every way possible! We've received wiretups in the papers, and we feel that it will benefit everyone taking part, and that it may be a fine source for procuring some good timber for next summer's camp.

"That will be our chief project for the fall and winter season.

With our sincerest good wishes."

Baboonly, Bill.

And there's the story, and a brilliant one, too. It should be said that for the past five or more years the name "Founder Baboons" has been the trade-name of the North Jersey Founder fellows. The entire Founder Fellowship joins in saying, "Go to it, Baboons, and put the job across - big!"

C H A T S H E E T

RECENT WEDDING BELLS

Miss Florence Jauss (Miniwanca grad. of 1930) and Mr. Wallace Ziebarth were married at Fairmount Ave. Methodist Episcopal Church on June 14, 1938. They are at home at 1640 Randolph St., St. Paul, Minnesota.

On the second of July, 1938, Miss Virginia Patterson (Miniwanca grad. of 1936) became Mrs. Allen M. Bailey. Their address is 152 S. Cedar Ave., Oberlin, Ohio.

Dr. Ben Pomeroy (Miniwanca grad. of 1931) was married on June 25, 1938, at First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Minnesota, to Miss Margaret Lyons. They now reside at 2130 West Como Ave., St. Paul, Minnesota.

Mr. Vernon Heckman (Miniwanca, '33, '34) and Miss Margaret Fratzke were married on June 11, 1938, at Fourth Baptist Church in Minneapolis. Mr. and Mrs. Heckman are at home at 710 Summer St., N.E., Minneapolis, Minnesota.

On the twentieth of August, 1938, Miss Zora Barrons (Miniwanca grad. of 1936) and Mr. De Forrest Alderman (Miniwanca, '32, '33) were united in marriage at St. Anthony Park M.E. Church. De and Zoe will be at 89 Chittenden Street in Columbus, Ohio, where De has a fellowship at the University.

Miss Helen Carlberg and Mr. Harry Monroe, both graduates of Miniwanca, were married on Thursday, July 14, 1938, with a lovely church wedding. They will live in Pleasantville, Pa.

From Kansas comes news that Miss Ethyl Danielson (Miniwanca leader of 1936) was married in May to Mr. Wallace White of Coldwater, Kansas.

On June 1, 1938, Miss Frances Keeley (Miniwanca '36), also of Kansas, became Mrs. Wm. N. Dobes. They are living on a farm near Great Bend, Kansas.

Miss Lois Kyd (Miniwanca leader, and 1930 grad), who was Mentor of the Onweetas, graduating class this summer in O.G., is now Mrs. Fred Toettcher. They are living at the Early Apartment, Tenth & Cherry Sts., Columbia, Missouri.

Elizabeth Fox (1931 grad. and leader in 1932 at Miniwanca) was married to Mr. Carl Knuppel Wettengel on Saturday, October 15, at the 1st Presby. Church in Oshkosh, Wis.

NEWS ABOUT FUTURE CAMP PROSPECTS

Richard Benjamin arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Ben Knight, Jr., (Miniwanca '19 grad., & Min. '19) of St. Louis, on the nineteenth of September. A hearty welcome to this future Founder!

A nine-pound baby boy arrived on May 7, 1938, at the home of Rev. and Mrs. C. Homer Ginns, of Hazardville, Conn. Mr. Ginns is a Merrowvista graduate of 1923.

We also want to welcome Sara Lee (Sally), young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wheeler (Min. grad. of 1930, & Min., '28, '29, '30) of Rocky River, Ohio. Sally arrived on July 18, 1938.

!! TO SAVE OUR TIME !!

* PLEASE PUT YOUR FULL NAME AND ADDRESS ON ALL LETTERS SENT TO THE FOUNDER OFFICE *

C H A T S H E E T

Horace is now on the way home, coming across on the Boat Laconia which docked in New York on Monday, October 17th. Horace, Evelyn Leatherbury, Alice May and Jo Royer Thomas all sailed together on the "Queen Mary" on September 7th for a little jaunt around England and the Continent. They were "somewhere on the western front" when the big war scare was at its height. But trust that bunch, they managed, in spite of it all, to "see all and hear all", and we can well imagine the tales they will have to tell when they return!

"Don't try your football tactics on an auto!" That's the experienced caution of our loyal pal, Jack Meredith, who is returning to his normal self in the finest fashion, after his month in bed at the hospital and at home.

Marian "Pal" Palmer (Miniwanca grad. of 1936) is now assisting Dr. Arnold H. Lowe at Kingshighway Presbyterian Church in St. Louis, as Director of Young People's Work. Pal's many Founder friends in St. Louis are mighty happy about her new location, and are wishing her success in this undertaking.

"Howdy! Mrs. Agnes Fawcett, at 809 Earl Garrett St., Kerrville, Texas." Our congratulations to Fred on his final release from Uncle Sam's hospital-care, and to the three Fawcetts on the uniting of the family after these years of convalescing separation. As is known to many Founders, for the past two years Agnes has been a member of the efficient secretarial staff in the Founder Office. It is impossible to too highly praise the service contribution that Agnes made to the work of the Foundation during these two years. Agnes was a leader at Miniwanca during the years 1924, 1925, and 1926.

We are saddened by word of the death of John Moore, of Olathe, Kansas, who was killed this summer in an auto accident. Johnny, who was student of the Kansas State College and a 1936 camper, was held in high esteem by all who knew him. Our sincere sympathy goes to his family.

Notice: Among the unclaimed articles left in the 1937 Older Girls' Camp at Miniwanca is a Bible whose owner has not yet been found. The name, "Thelma Monical", is engraved on the cover.

Walter Morgan, (Miniwanca '36, '37, '38) is the proud owner of a recently acquired blue-and-silver Austin roadster. Walter claims that its chief virtue is the ability to run forty miles on a gallon of gas, and those fortunate ones who have been "taken for a ride" thus far are singing its praises highly.

Ruth Palmer (Miniwanca grad. of 1920, and present leader), better known as "Saxie", is enjoying a year's leave of absence from her teaching position in Kenosha, Wisconsin, in order to attend school in New York. Her address there is 45 Prospect Place, Apt. 2014, New York City, N.Y.

We are happy to announce that Elizabeth "Capt" Adams and Mildred Purdy are now graduates of the Leaders' Institute, having completed the required course this summer at Miniwanca.

Robins - here's a record! Hortense Schaller, a first year Leader at Miniwanca OG, reports that her tent Round Robin recently made the rounds in exactly two weeks. Can any tent groups - Merrowvista or Miniwanca - beat this report?

"MERROWVISTA EVER"

It was a great summer at Merrowvista. The increase in enrollment, approximately 30% in the two Senior Camps, was most gratifying. Let's start right now to make the 1939 camps another 30% larger. Personal work will do it. Time to start is NOW! Send in the names and addresses of your prospects.

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A fine letter yesterday from Co-Director Lyn Beardslee, telling how thoroughly he enjoyed the job of directing - and a grand job he did. Lyn says he can now understand why the director always seems to be so busy. Yea, verily, there is much to think about, and much to do, in directing the Foundation Camps - but it's great fun isn't it, Lyn?

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A new caretaker has been appointed to take care of Camp Merrowvista. Clifton Smith is hard on the job, and reports "Shutters now complete on all cabins." Come on, ye rains and winds - we're ready for you now!

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The "big blow" on the Eastern Seaboard did very little damage at Merrowvista - a few shingles lost, and a broken water-pipe in Lost Brook woods, caused by a fallen tree - for all of which we are most thankful.

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The Younger Girls' Camp also increased in enrollment. From all reports, this is one of the jolliest and most successful of all our Founder Camps. It won't be long before families will be begging for places in this Merrowvista Y.G. Camp. When 80% of the campers who were enrolled for the first year registered again for the second year, there must be a reason!

Why not do your friends and neighbors a good turn, by putting them "next" to the Younger Girls' Camp? Remember, a \$10 credit on your own camp fee for every Younger Girl Camper enrolled through your efforts. Get four campers, and you have your full fee covered.

Ages - 12 to 16. Period - four weeks. Time - last week of July, and first three of August. Cost - \$100 for the month. Leadership - the best - our own Merrowvista Founders. Send in the names of younger girls and their parents, with addresses, for the mailing list. When? - NOW!

"FOURFOLD CAMPERS - WE"

Did you get a prescription at camp to strengthen the "weak spots" in your Fourfold development? There are just two things you can do with that prescription -

One - forget it, ignore it, let it slide.

Two - accept the challenge given you to "build up" and "balance up".

Stop procrastinating! Get down to brass-tacks. Go somewhere this fall and winter. The Founder war-cry is not "hold that line", but "fill that prescription". Yes, it's a personal Dare. What's your answer?

P.S. Your felt Fourfold emblem, with the letters - P,S,M,R - is yours for the asking, when you have checked in at the Founder Office, "Prescription filled!" Go to it, Founder. It's a Dare!



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